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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

On March 24, 1955 Dr. Ralph B. Snavely, Medical Director of the Bureau of Employees' Compensation visited the medical establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency for a conference with Dr. Joan E. Tietjen, the Chief of the Medical Staff.

At the time of this visit there was discussion of the medical care program as it relates to employees of your establishment injured in the performance of duty who qualify for benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. It was noted that facilities are available in your establishment for the preliminary arrangements which are necessary in providing medical care for injured employees, with special attention to the providing of prompt and adequate services as required.

One of the areas of discussion was the procedures which had previously been established to provide for the hospitalization of employees of your establishment entitled to Federal Employees' Compensation Act benefits in certain U. S. Public Health Service facilities. It was decided that the procedures prepared on November 17, 1952 should remain in effect, relatively unchanged, inasmuch as they have proved mutually satisfactory during the intervening period of time.

Another area of discussion was the provisions for medical care in remote areas abroad where you maintain your own facilities. It is recognized that the problem of authorizing and arranging for medical care of injured employees in these places cannot always be in accordance with the established regulations of the Bureau of Employees' Compensation and that it will be necessary to provide medical care as available upon suitable local authorization in such circumstances on the basis of an emergency situation. The Bureau in these unusual circumstances may authorize treatment otherwise than provided for in the regulations and may approve payment for medical expenses incurred otherwise than as provided in the regulations. This is consistent with the Regulations of the Bureau under the heading, "Furnishing of Medical Treatment, Hospital Services, Transportation, etc". (Sec. 2.1, Part 2 of the Regulations).

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I appreciate the courtesies extended to Dr. Snavely at the time of his visit to your establishment, and I trust the procedures indicated above will meet the needs of your program.

Very truly yours,

Wm. McCauley
Director